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4. System Acquisition in the Intelligence Community:

a. [ ] opened the discussion by indicating that maybe some thought should be given to including a GDIP and/or CCP system acquisition in the study. [ ] also noted that we need to define what we mean by a "major system acquisition."

b. [ ] to review the methodology which RAND used to do its study on DoD system acquisitions. [ ] also emphasized that our approach needs to distinguish between gathering quantitative and anecdotal information. [ ] also pointed out that PAO needs a conceptual model which describes the principal aspects of the system acquisition decision-making process. In this connection, [ ] was urged to survey the PBO Program Monitors to identify candidate systems and to model the decision-making process as best he can.

c. [ ] indicated that he might be reluctant to invest six man-months of effort in simply developing a guide that can be used to do a longer term study. This possibility should, however, be explicitly considered in reviewing the prospectus. [ ] also suggested the possibility of using a Community Working Group to help gather information for this study, develop "authoritative" assessments of the current system acquisition procedures, and make recommendations for reviewing existing procedures. Finally, [ ] suggested that we need "at least one good example" to use in any preliminary discussions that we have with [ ] on this subject. Several possibilities were briefly mentioned: [ ]

d. Pending actions are as follows:

- (1) Initiate conversation with Program Monitors.
- (2) Explore the possibility of using a Community Working Group to address this subject.
- (3) Consider the possibility of a reduced effort which simply produces a guide for a longer-term study to be done by someone else or a Community Working Group.
- (4) Revise the prospectus to reflect PAO's latest thinking on the subject. (Suspense: Monday, 29 December).

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(5) Arrange for  to meet  
with  on this subject after the prospectus has  
been revised.

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